

The Highlander

By MICHAEL D. BENGE

Ban Me Thuot, Viet Nam

At the present time I am engaged in developing an extension team and training center for Montagnards with the hopes of educating the tribe people in better methods of agriculture, fertilization, improved varieties, seed production and insect control. Along with this, we are working in hygiene, home improvement, rural education and community development.

We are now trying to work with some 318 odd hamlets of about 300-400 people each in our area. Three previously trained men, two girls and myself are engaged in this project. We have raised enough finances to expand our program to 16 people at the beginning of next month. We feel that this is only a small start in a very large program.

Our activities are many and with the small number of personnel and our work and transportation problems we are vastly over extended but try to spread our work out over the largest number of people which we feel we can contact.

The war effort is only a small part of defeating communism for unless you win the people to our side and show them we are trying to help them and make them self sufficient, we lose as much as we gain.

Many difficulties are found for vehicles for transportation are difficult to obtain and maintain, supplies and support are limited and coordination of activities are difficult.

We are now beginning to open classes to teach 12 chosen Montagnards methods of improved agriculture, fertilization, hygiene and home, community development. Also we are distributing seeds and tools to Montagnard villages, teaching vegetable crops raising in the dry season and aiding food supplies and aid to the small schools.

A team of us will begin work at 7:30 in the morning for this is when everything opens for operation, collect our supplies, try to get gasoline for our vehicles and start for two or three chosen villages. Arriving at the village if the road is passable, we call for the village chief and if the hamlet supports a school, the school teacher. We then explain who we are, what we are trying to accomplish and begin asking questions. First has anyone in the village a small vegetable garden. Many had been previously contacted or instructed and given seed. If they have one we go to see if it needed in-

struction or improvement on different methods. We then ask if anyone else would like to begin another one. We distribute new types of seeds at times fruit trees and demonstrate how to plant them and care for them. Then we ask if they would be interested in digging a small fish pond for stocking of domestic fish. If we have tools, we distribute them and then charge the villagers with helping us since we came to help them. This is when we try to get them to raise vegetable crops. Next about the medicine in the village. Any sick people? The previous year's rice crop, was it enough? If not, we note it for future contact with the home demonstration girls and distribution of Aid Bulgar wheat, corn and cooking oil. We then look at the school if they have one and try to get the children to grow gardens. At times we have books, pencils and supplies for the school. When we are ready to leave, we are then asked to drink rice wine with them as the custom is with the tribes people. If we are able, we contact two or three or four villages and if in a distant area, we spend the night in the villages. At times, we are out three or four days and usually return from the field 8:00 or 9:00 at night.

Another of our jobs is to get the villagers to make self-help projects such as building a school, water cistern, stairs to the water supply or other needed projects.

I am mainly interested in the schools for I feel that you can change the young people but not the older ones. Obtaining supplies and materials for the schools is difficult and sometimes non-existent. A teacher may make as much as \$10.00 a month if he has a salary, which many times he doesn't. I try to obtain money for pigs for the school which at a cost of \$10.00 per head, the income from the children raising them can well pay for the teachers' salary besides introducing an improved variety and teaching the children animal husbandry and 4-H projects. Also the garden helps feed the pigs.

We meet many difficulties and obstacles in our path, but we continue to do our best.

Series of Three Mosaic Classes Starts April 16

Due to popular request, mosaic project leaders have consented to teach three evening mosaic classes, starting April 16, in the conference room of the County Agent's office, announces Esther Kirmis, extension agent.

Interested people are urged to enroll in this exciting craft by calling the County Extension Office (676-9642). These classes will run for three Thursday evenings, starting at 7:30 p.m. says the agent.

Taught in the three classes will be:

April 16—"Basics of Color," Esther Kirmis, and "Making a Small Seed Mosaic," Mrs. Mildred Nolan and Mrs. L. A. McCabe, instructors.

April 23—"Tile Mosaics," Mrs. O. E. Wright, instructor.

April 30—"Putting a 'Found' Object in Mosaic Cement," Mrs. C. M. Wagner, instructor.

If interested persons have not already received a copy of what to bring to each lesson, Miss Kirmis will be glad to send them a copy.

Mosaic workshops have proved quite successful and satisfying all over the county, she adds.

Mrs. Ernie Drake and daughters, Kathy and Becky, of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Connor. Mrs. Drake returned to Portland Sunday. Kathy and Becky stayed with the Connors until Thursday when their uncle, Nelson Connor,

Rebekah Groups Entertain Guests At Social Events

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON — Past Noble Grand club of Holly Rebekah Lodge entertained the PNG club of Sans Souci lodge with a luncheon and an afternoon of games last Wednesday afternoon. There were seven members present from Heppner and three from Hermiston. Prizes were won by all the visiting ladies.

Holly Rebekah lodge held a pancake feed on Saturday night at the IOOF hall dining room, which was well attended. Following this pinocchio was played with the prizes being given by two girls dressed as bunny rabbits, with the gifts being garden plants, roses, gladioli and lilies. Winning were Cecil Jones, traveling; John Bergstrom, men's high; Edward Hunt, men's low; Mrs. Charles Colley, women's high; and Dimple Munkers, women's low. Coffee was served following the card party. The rabbits for the evening were Mrs. Joe Yocom and Mrs. Vic Greshens.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Rinehart of Ukiah were week-end visitors in Lexington.

Mrs. Greg Leyva and children were recent Lexington visitors from Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth motored to Portland one day last week and returned with two of the Richard Zita children who will visit with their grandparents and at the Bob Kilkenny home.

The high school class of the Lexington Sunday school motored to Hermiston on Sunday where they were guests of the young people's class of the Hermiston Christian church. Following the meeting they were entertained with games and refreshments. Those going were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Klinger, Mike Palmer, Kenny Jones, Glenda Hills and Matt Hughes. They were accompanied by their teacher and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt.

Convention Delegate Elected
At the recent meeting of the Holly Rebekah Lodge, delegates to the state convention were elected as follows: first delegate, Mrs. Florence McMillan; second delegate, Mrs. Laverne Henderson, and alternates, Mrs. Bertha Hunt and Mrs. A. F. Majeske. At this time, Mrs. Joel Engleman was welcomed as a transfer from Bunchgrass. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers have been recent Portland business visitors.

Steggalls Have Granddaughter
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brande-

IRRIGON NEWS

(Held over from last week)

A good turn-out was on hand at the A. C. Houghton football field Easter Sunday morning for the annual Sunrise service held jointly by the Baptist and Assembly of God churches. Rev. George Hash, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the service, and Rev. John Kenney, pastor of the Assembly of God church, brought the Easter sermon. Special music was a duet, "In The Garden," sung by Elvira Eppenhach and Janice Marlow and a quartet, "A Crown of Thorns," sung by Barbara McCorkle, Donna Isom, Mrs. Pantelis Vrontakis and Mrs. Albert Partlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cooley and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom attended the Oregon School Employees Association Rally held in Hermiston Saturday afternoon.

Penny Jones, freshman at Oregon State University at Corvallis, spent spring vacation visiting her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Partlow and Sheryl and Mrs. Myrtle Markham were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, Ricky, Randy and Steve Easter Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom attended the Union Pacific Old Timers Club No. 19 meeting held at Hinkle Saturday evening.

Morgan Relatives Safe
Mr. and Mrs. Rees Morgan received word Saturday evening that their son-in-law and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Anker, Jr., Douglas and Ross, of Spenard, Alaska, are safe. The message was sent by a friend of Ankers via ham radio, and was received in North Dakota by a friend of the sender's who called Mr. and Mrs. John J. Anker, Sr., of Spokane, and they in turn called the Morgans.

Mrs. George Hash was hostess for an Easter breakfast held at the George Hash residence in Hermiston for those from the Baptist church who attended the Easter Sunrise Service Sunday morning. Ham and eggs were served to the 35 guests present.

The kindergarten, primary and junior classes gave recitations and songs during the opening Sunday School exercises at the Baptist church Easter Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCorkle drove to Gresham Tuesday to attend funeral services for Mr. McCorkle's mother.

hagen of Pendleton are the proud parents of a 9 lb., 15 oz. baby girl born on Wednesday, April 1, in Pendleton. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt were business visitors in Pendleton on Monday.

Seniors Head Lone Honor Roll

Seniors at Ione High school topped the honor roll list for the third nine weeks period, according to an announcement this week by Bill Harryman, principal.

Three seniors, Tom Heimbigner, Arleta McCabe and Merrie Jo Morrison averaged a perfect 4.0 to claim scholastic honors. Averages of other seniors were Judy Sherer, 3.80; Dick Hynd, 3.80; Steve Lindstrom, 2.80, and Cheryl Corley, 3.50.

Other students achieving the 3.25 GPA or above were junior: Cheryl Lundell, 3.80; sophomores: Cheryl Smouse, 3.67; Karen Hams, 3.33; freshmen: Deniece Matthews, 3.33, and Bernice Matthews, 3.30.

Those achieving honorable mention for averages of between 3.00 and 3.24 were seniors: Barbara Bishop, 3.16; Cheryl Benson, 3.00, and Delores Emert, 3.33; juniors: Sid Zinter, 3.20 and Robert Emert, 3.16; sophomores: Mark Halvorsen, 3.16, John McElligott, 3.16, and Jay Ball, 3.00; and freshmen: Cathy Hausler, 3.16; Karen Nelson, 3.16; Bonnie Hynd, 3.16; Jerry Stefani, 3.00, and Pat McElligott, 3.00.

Snow Still Deep At Ski Course

Springlike weather is rapidly melting the snow from the lower elevations in the mountains but above the four thousand foot level the snow still remains in good depth, according to Ken Peck.

The ski area will provide skiing until May on a four foot deep base of packed snow. Maximum depth in March reached six feet. For the rest of the season the tow will be operated only on Sunday. The road is clear and should cause no trouble for skiers and others who would venture up the mountain.

Busy Needles Meet

The March 25 meeting of the Busy Needles 4-H Knitting club was held at Mrs. Spohn's home. We worked on our caps and are to have them done by our next meeting on April 8.

Christine McCabe, reporter

Jim and John Cason, sons of Mrs. Mary Bryant, and Miss Kay Moore of Portland were in Heppner over the week-end. John, who is a student at Portland State college, and Miss Moore returned to Portland Sunday. Jim plans to remain in Heppner for the time being.

Hope Lutheran Sets Altar Dedication

On Sunday, April 12, Hope Lutheran church will dedicate new altar vases and an altar book stand at the 11:00 service. These appointments are dedicated in memory of Cindy Louise Peck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peck, who died in Salem last year.

The Rev. Ken Robinson, pastor, and family are in Seattle, Wn. this week, together with Gerald Peterson, to attend the American Lutheran church's Pacific Northwest regional evangelism conference.

Involving some 400 Lutheran congregations in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, the conference will, under the theme, "Claimed to Proclaim," not only speak to discover what seems to be apparent hindrance to the

congregational mission in the world, but what new forms of witness can be applied to witnessing for Christ in our world today. Rev. Robinson said. The conference will come to a close Friday.

Mrs. Oliver Creswick and Mrs. Elmer Schmidt returned Sunday evening from Salt Lake City, Utah, where they had taken Mrs. David Creswick and her infant daughter, Wendy Jean, to their home. They will remain in Salt Lake City where David is enrolled in an electronics school and working part time. He will complete the specialized course at the end of this term and will be placed in a position in that field.



this is the rough tough powerhouse on wheels that you can drive up hills down gullies through mud snow and sand



this is the rough tough powerhouse on wheels that you can drive up hills down gullies through mud snow and sand

discover 4-wheel "DRIVEPOWER"™
ALL NEW JEEP WAGONEER
"Drivepower" is Wagoneer station wagon's new, improved and exclusive 4-wheel drive system.

Kaiser Jeep Corporation Toledo 1, Ohio
FARLEY MOTOR COMPANY
Heppner, Oregon

See 'Jeep' vehicles in action in "THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH" TUESDAY, 9 p.m. CH. 25

in
Portland

YOUR HOUSE
OF HOSPITALITY

SHERATON

MOTOR INN
LLOYD CENTER

ROOMS
STARTING
at
\$7.85

Children
under 12
FREE

2 SQUARE
BLOCKS OF
FREE PARKING

3

DELIGHTFUL
Restaurants

Promenade
Dining Room

Kon-Tiki
Polynesian
Restaurant

Alaskan
Lounge

SHERATON

MOTOR INN
LLOYD CENTER

PORTLAND

AT 8-6111

**We Will
Deliver Your
Processed Meat**



Free
Of Charge
To
Heppner,
Lexington
Ione.

**WHOLESALE MEATS
CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING
SCHEDULE:**

Hogs Tuesday
Cattle Wed., Thurs.
Sheep Any Day

Follett Meat Co.

Hermiston, Oregon
Ph. JO 7-6651
On Hermiston-McNary
Highway

Awards Won by Mayflower Farms February, 1964

In The Oregon Dairy Industries Dairy Products Contest

Shown here with trophies awarded Mayflower dairy foods are prize winners, (l. to r.) back row: Argene Allison, Robert Carson, John Harris, John Haedinger, Neal McInnis; front row (l. to r.): Francis Morrill, Jacob Sommerfeld, Raymond Cardinaux and Joseph Schmidtkofer. Mayflower Farms won prizes for butter, cheddar cheese, chocolate and strawberry ice cream, cottage cheese, homogenized milk, buttermilk and sour cream.

A TOTAL OF 19 AWARDS IN 14 PRODUCT DIVISIONS

Teamwork is the answer. Good dairy herds. High sanitation standards. Skilled men, such as our award-winners, who take pride in the quality and freshness of Mayflower dairy foods. All this is backed up by the most modern facilities in the Northwest. This is why Mayflower foods are prized for good eating, but...

DON'T TAKE THE JUDGES' WORD FOR IT. YOU BE THE JUDGE. TRY AWARD-WINNING DAIRY FOODS FROM YOUR MAYFLOWER FARMS GROCER.

